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European.
"John Bull," the London correspondent of the San Francisco *Bulletin*, furnishes the following interesting items of European news:

ANDERSON THE FUGITIVE SLAVE.
I mentioned in my letter of last week that Anderson was here, but exciting small notice. During this past week, however, he has come rather more prominently before the London public, a meeting having been held at Marylebone, where he addressed the audience in a very simple speech, the great object of which seemed to be to excuse himself for killing Dugay, for he over and over again repeated how sorry he was at the necessity he has been under in doing it. By way of raising funds for his support, and in aid of erecting a church and school at Hamilton, Canada West, Anderson sells photographic likenesses of himself, at a shilling each; and these are readily bought up by his audiences. A large public meeting of his friends is to be held next week in Exeter Hall.

QUEEN VICTORIA AGAIN IN PUBLIC.
Our excellent and much-loved Queen has so far recovered the shock caused by her mother's death as to resume the public duties of her station. She held a Drawing Room at St. James' on Wednesday last, at which numerous presentations were made—among others, Mrs. Adams, the wife of our new Minister at the Court of Great Britain, was presented by Lady John Russell. Her Majesty's birthday celebration has been postponed in consequence of her domestic loss, but will be held early in the ensuing month.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR GALWAY.
It has often been asserted that the surest way to reach an Irishman is through his pocket; but it could hardly have been anticipated that Irish patriotism could have been so thoroughly roused for so small an amount as £27,000. However, there could be no mistake about the prevalence of a hullabaloo from Cork to Cape Clear, and by way of giving Galway one more chance, Government has consented that a select committee should sit and inquire into the subject of maintaining a fortnightly line of steamers across the Atlantic by aid of a Government subsidy. Scotland has long had such a line from Glasgow, but never dreamt of getting a farthing out of Government to aid its enterprise.

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Friday Morning, August 9, 1861.

The Expenditure.

Mr. Burnaby's motion "for an official statement of the sums voted last year, with a detailed statement of the sums actually expended under the several heads noted" comes up for discussion at an early day. We much regret that the House did not require this detailed statement before granting the supplies: for that would have compelled a full and accurate statement from government, which, without some compulsion, we are not likely to get very promptly. Government will, we suppose, hardly refuse such a statement altogether, because to do so would be a denial of a fundamental principle—that the House has a right to know whether the public money has been expended in the way it has been voted—to know it accurately. This seems so clear that it hardly requires the explanation that the House first decides how much shall be raised by taxation; then how much shall be expended; and, lastly, whether it has been duly expended. The last is a power consequent on the power of appropriation which would otherwise be wholly nugatory. And these powers imply a corresponding and important duty on the part of the House to exercise them for the welfare of the Colony, in order to insure an economical management of its revenue.

We know as a fact that money voted has in some instances been otherwise employed. The large sum voted for Esquimalt Road in 1858 is a remarkable instance. But we may take for example the £2000 for Cowichan Road, and the £300 for the Hospital. Since the Colony cannot afford to lose those sums, it would be interesting to know how they have been spent, if collected. We know that the Esquimalt Road fund was collected even before it was voted. We have no reason to believe the Hospital money has not been collected. It is alleged, however, that the £2000 for Cowichan Road has not been collected, and therefore could not be expended. But, we ask, why has it not been collected? Is it not due to the lack of discrimination on the part of Government in appointing efficient Assessors? A year and a half ago we were told that the Government wheels would come to a dead lock without taxes; and yet all the taxes are supposed to be collected, except that on real estate. The neglect to collect the real estate tax, or one-third of the revenue, is a sad commentary on the management of the revenue. Moreover, it is an injustice to other tax-payers. Why should liquor dealers and traders pay licenses a year or two years in advance of real estate? If property-holders do not pay the taxes, no doubt other classes expect the same degree of lenity. It would certainly be as agreeable to the latter as the former. An allegation may be made that the real estate tax will be forthcoming. But that does not construct the Cowichan Road nor support the Hospital. Are the farmers to lack roads, and a public institution to suffer for funds, because a few supporters of Government have to be paid for doubtful services?

We have shown that a large sum, duly appropriated for the Esquimalt road in 1858, has been diverted to some other purpose without an enabling act. If His Excellency in one instance, either through a public exigency or caprice, could take such an extraordinary view of his executive powers what guarantee have the people that the taxes are expended as voted, except the House examines into the expenditure? It is a plain enough case that the Governor without a responsible ministry is directly responsible, and annually, at least, should be held to strict accountability for the expenditure of the public revenue.

If the House does not insist on its rights in regard to the accounts of expenditure, the country will be left as much without a check on the executive as ever, and we can only judge of the future by the past. And judging the future by the past, we might predict that the money voted for roads and harbor improvement, and other essential purposes will also be spent next year in a more or less unauthorized manner, to the prejudice of the colony at large. We do not see where the check is to come from if not from the Assembly. Will it come from the officials who have the custody or expend our finances? We think not. I would require more sterling metal. It is only to the Assembly then that we can look for the information called for in Burnaby's motion.

On the 29th ult., the brig *Perseverance* was up at San Francisco for this port.

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—ALSO—

TOWN Lot No. 791, corner of View street and Quadra street; and No. 780, adjoining.

—ALSO—

TOWN Lots Nos. 943 and 952, corner of St. John street, James Bay.

—ALSO—

Town Lot No. 980, Yates street;

Town Lot No. 1044, Johnson street.

—ALSO—

Town Lot No. 1208 Vancouver street

Town Lot No. 497, Discovery street

—ALSO—

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WILLIAM IRVING,

Executor.

Victoria, 5th August, 1861.

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LETTER FROM QUESNELLE CITY.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

NO. XVI.

QUESNELLE CITY, July 7, 1861.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—The expedition for the other side of the Bald Mountains, in an easterly direction from this place, left the South Fork Lake on the 3d inst. Being unable to obtain an Indian to do my share of the packing, I did not make one of the party, as intended. The company, which consists of Texas, Perry, (called the Mountaineer, from his frequent trips across the Rocky Mountains) and a Swede named Andrew, intend to try and strike some of the waters, which, rising on the other side of the dividing ridge of these hills, flow into the Fraser near its source in the Jasper Pass of the Rocky Mountains. Several large creeks are known to head from the eastern slopes of the Bald Mountains, one of the principal of which is called by the Indians Cayacme or Red Earth River, and as all the creeks which flow on this side have as yet proved more or less auriferous, it is but fair to suppose that those on the east side of the range will prove so to an equal if not greater extent.

The reason I wished to join the above prospecting party was to be in a position to inform you of the exact direction which these Bald Mountains run through a portion of British Columbia. This it is most important to find out, as these hills are pronounced beyond a doubt to be the main source of the gold which is spread almost throughout the length and breadth of British Columbia. The general direction of the range is certainly about nearly north and south. But whether it runs slightly to the east or west of north or south is a point on which there is a great diversity of opinion. It is also an open question how far the range extends south before its junction with the Rocky Mountains, of which it is presumed to be a spur. The head waters of Thompson (and possibly the Columbia) river must take their rise from the southern extremity of the Bald mountains which would account for the presence of coarse gold on that river and its tributaries.

My own opinion is that the miners are running too far north after diggings and that the richest mines in British Columbia will be found south and east of Cariboo in the district around the head of the Thompson and Columbia rivers. Should this prove the case, a great impetus will be given to the prosperity of the country, as the miners in that section would be free from the serious obstacles which notwithstanding the unmistakable richness of the diggings, act as a great drawback to the prosperity of Cariboo. I allude chiefly to the shortness of the working season, the almost incessant fall of rain and the high prices of provisions.

MINING NEWS.

There is little fresh mining news current here since my last. Two companies on California Creek are making \$9 up to \$36 a day to the hand.

Several miners have lately left for Swift River, which bids fair to turn out well. The pay-dirt is found on the surface of bars, as on the Fraser and Quesnelle, and is of the quality known as heavy fine gold. As high as \$60 per day was taken out by two men last year on the lower part of this river. They worked with a rocker made of wood.

Fluming has not yet begun on Antler and Keithley's Creeks.

The miners on Williams and Cunningham's Creeks were doing well, and the water was rapidly going down. The snow has nearly all melted from most of the hills.

ARGUS.

THE CARIBOO EXPLOSION—BODY OF WM. ALLEN FOUND.—Yesterday the dragging was continued at Shoal Point, and at about two o'clock the body of Wm. Allen, Chief Engineer of the Cariboo at the time of the explosion, was brought to the surface by Peter Owens. The place where it was found is about twenty yards from the boiler. It was brought to Victoria and delivered to Coronor Dickson, by whose orders it was conveyed to the Police Barracks. The head, beyond a burn on the forehead, and a wound near the right temple, appears uninjured—the hair and whiskers are not even singed; the hands and forearms are badly scalded—the skin hanging in shreds. The right thigh is shattered, and the body is otherwise disfigured and gashed, as if struck with pieces of the shattered boiler. Death must have been instantaneous. The clothes deceased wore at the time of the explosion remained on the corpse. An inquest will probably be held to-day over the body. The boiler was twice brought to the surface of the water yesterday, but the tackling being too weak, it was dropped back again. A diver with apparatus from the Baccante descended in the morning, but discovering nothing returned to Esquimalt. It is hoped that the remaining bodies and the boiler will be recovered to-day. The inquest over the bodies of James Jamieson and Daniel Foley, will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock.

THE Sierra Nevada will leave at 12 o'clock to-day for San Francisco, via Port

land.

THE OLD GRAVEYARD.—The chain-gang are still busily engaged at the graveyard exhuming human remains and boxing those without coffins, preparatory to interment elsewhere. Several coffins have been taken out entire, and the bones within were undisturbed; but in the majority of cases the coffins are found to have decayed, and the bones are shoveled up in a confused mass and placed in rough boxes. Occasionally bits of trinkets, silk handkerchiefs, ribbons, portions of shrouds, and other articles, are found with the bones. About two-thirds of the bones will be recovered; the balance will be scattered beneath the surface of the earth. We shall be glad when the work is completed, and a suitable resting-place has been found for the remains of our early pioneers, where they may in future lie undisturbed by the ruthless hand of desecration or the snouts of hungry porkers.

DEPARTURE OF THE OTTER—ON A ROCK.—The Otter left at noon yesterday for New Westminster with 70 tons of freight, 50 passengers, and 18 horses and mules. Among the passengers were several who were saved from the wreck of the Cariboo, and about fifteen miners who came up on the Sierra Nevada the evening before. Just after leaving the wharf and heading for Laurel Point, the steamer struck on a sunken rock, which caused her to reel and stopped her headway for an instant; but the engines continuing working, she recovered herself and passed over safely. As the vessel passed out of the harbor, we presume no damage worth speaking of was sustained.

THE House of Assembly will meet to-day, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Yesterday being steamer-day, no meeting was had.

Workmen have commenced on the foundations of Mr. Bell's new brick, at the corner of Langley and Fort streets.

Two or three drunken sailors were lightly fined yesterday for breaking windows and acting generally in a disorderly manner.

Thirty-six prisoners answered to roll-call yesterday at the jail.

The bark Glimpse sailed from San Francisco for this port on the 29th of July.

Repeal of Indian Liquor Bill.

The following petition to the Legislature is being circulated:

To the Honorable House of Assembly of Vancouver Island.

The humble petition of the undersigned sheweth: That your Petitioners have viewed with very great alarm and anxiety the recent measure introduced to your Honorable House to Legalize the sale of Liquor to Indians; which if suffered to pass into law, is calculated, in their opinion, to produce a most baneful and unhappy effect, not only upon the whole Indian population, but also upon the white inhabitants of the Colony.

Your Petitioners base these opinions upon the following grounds:

1. That the Indians in their present uncivilized state have not the capacity and hence have not the right, to possess the full liberty of the civilized; and therefore, if they be entrusted with that right, they will infallibly prove the agents of their own destruction.

That they lack this capacity is plain for two reasons:

(a) Because they are acknowledged by all to be unfit to be entrusted with the management of their own Reserves; and

(b) Because it is a matter of history and not of speculation, that the introduction of whisky is destructive of Indian life; and that while among white men this is an exception, among Indians it is the rule.

2. That your Petitioners believe that in all colonies where the natives have been improved, the prohibition to sell them intoxicating liquors, has always been a main feature in the policy of the Government.

3. That the enactment of the measure now before your Honorable House would tend to complicate, in an almost inconceivable degree, all efforts of a missionary character for their social, moral, and spiritual amelioration.

4. That it is a positive commission of moral evil, which no difficulty in the execution of plain duty can justify, to put into the hands of the un-reclaimed savage what we know, from his incapacity, will prove the certain means of his destruction.

5. That hence the existing law is plainly right, being founded upon true principles of humanity, justice, and religion, and sustained by the practice of all other colonies of Britain, as well as that of the United States.

6. That consequently having laid down what is right, it would be a grave political error, especially in Indian policy, to acknowledge our lack of power to enforce it, by receding from our position, and enacting what is wrong.

7. That the effect of such a step could not be otherwise than disastrous to both the civilized and the savage, tending to bring the former into contempt, and to fan the vanity of the latter, until endless collisions between the two, result in the bloodshed of both, and the destruction of at least one.

8. That from all these considerations it is plainly our duty on the grounds of religion, humanity and self-interest, to prevent, as far as in us lies, the Indians access to so fearful an element of woe.

Hoping your Honorable House will favorably receive this petition, your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

The above petition lies for signature at Hobson & Carswell's.

A WRETCH SENTENCED TO BE HANGED—

A Toronto paper informs us that at Clarenceville, C. W., last month, a Dr. Jesse Patterson had been convicted of the murder of a young girl in an attempt to hide her shame from the world. The court, in passing sentence of death, remarked on the deplorable state to which society would be reduced, if such crimes as the prisoner had committed were to become frequent, dwelling with strong effect on the wickedness of the man who, for \$30, had destroyed the lives of two human beings, and sent to the grave, burdened with ignominy and pointed at with scorn, a young and beautiful girl, destined, perhaps, but for his baneful arts, to lead a long and happy life. He is to be executed on Friday, September 6th.

Not the Man.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—As certain parties have stated that I am the engineer who informed Dr. Dickson that a British Columbian steamboat was unsafe, I beg leave, through the medium of your columns, to say that I am not the man—never having had a conversation with Dr. Dickson or any one else on the subject.

THOMAS MARTIN.

VICTORIA, August 8th, 1861.

The Battle of Laurel Hill, Western Virginia.

CINCINNATI, July 16th.—A special dispatch to the *Guardian*, dated July 14th, describes the field of battle at Carrickford on the night of the 11th thus: The Rebel army at Laurel Hill, under General Garnett, beat a Major of the U. S. A., and left his post at Benicia, C. I. (Ninth Infantry,) about three months ago, to take a commission in the Rebel army.—E. A. ALTA)—evacuated its camp in great haste on learning of General McClellan's approach to Beverly, apparently hoping to pass Beverly before General McClellan's arrival, and thus escape the trap set for them by the passage through Cheat Mountain Gap. The evacuation was discovered on the morning of the 12th, and a pursuit instantly ordered. By 10 o'clock, the Ninth Indiana regiment entered the Rebel's camp on Laurel Hill, and found a large number of tents, a lot of flour, camp equipage and clothing, and several sick and wounded, who asked us to give them the proper attention.

The road for miles was covered with baggage thrown from their wagons to hasten their retreat. The Rebel army went within three miles of Beverly and there met the Rebels flying from Rich Mountain, and finding escape to Huttonsville impossible they returned towards Laurel Hill and took the road in direction of St. George. General Morris' division pursued them a mile or two beyond Leadsville that night, and then halted for the incessant rain pouring down. The rebel army left the turnpike and struck Cheat River, and passed the mountain Road to the bottom of the valley. Our advance was composed of the 14th Ohio, 7th and 5th Indiana, and pushed on guided through the mountain gullies by tents, camp furniture, provisions, and knapsacks thrown from Rebel wagons to facilitate the flight. Our troops forded Cheat River four times, and finally, about one o'clock, they came up with the enemy's rear guard. The 14th Ohio advanced rapidly to the rear in which the enemy's wagons were standing, when suddenly the rebel army opened a furious fire on them with small arms and two rifled cannon, from the bluff on the opposite side of the river where they had been concealed. The firing was too high, and the 14th returned it with spirit. Meanwhile, two pieces of Cleveland artillery came up and opened on the rebels, and the 9th Indiana advanced to support the 14th Ohio, left, while the 7th Indiana crossed the river between the two fires, and came in on the enemy's right flank. The rebels then fled in great disorder, leaving their finest pieces of artillery at the next town.

A quarter of a mile further on, General Garnett attempted to rally his forces, when the Seventh Indiana came up in hot pursuit, and another brisk engagement ensued. Gen. Garnett was finally shot dead, when his army fled in wild confusion towards St. George. The Seventh Indiana pursued them for a mile or two, but our forces were so exhausted with their forced march (twenty miles), with but little rest from yesterday's march, that Gen. Morris refused to let them pursue them further.

The results of the whole affair are the capture of the rebel camp at Laurel Hill, and a large amount of tents and camp equipage, forty wagons, their field chest—supposed to contain all their money—two regimental banners, one of them of the Georgia Regiment; a large number of Virginia officers; the death of Gen. Garnett and twenty of his men, and the wounding of a much larger number. Our loss is wholly in the Fourteenth Ohio—two killed and two mortally wounded. Our forces are now engaged in burying the dead. Gen. Garnett's body is lying at headquarters; it will be sent to his friends at Richmond.

Along the lines of the retreat the road is filled with deserters from the rebels. There were over 4000 rebels on the bluff commanding our position, who opened fire on the Fourteenth Ohio, and the distance was a little over two hundred yards; their artillery was rapidly served, but aimed about two feet too high, cutting off the trees above the heads of our boys. Our advance, which alone entered the engagement, numbered less than 2000. It is thought our forces at Raliburg will cut off the retreat of the remnant, and secure the few baggage wagons left. The rebel army was composed mainly of Georgians and Eastern Virginians. The Georgians were direct from Pensacola.

SCANDAL IN ROME.—Much scandal having been promulgated in England, touching the convent system of Rome, Daniel Leev writes to the Manchester *Guardian* to deny the charges of corruption and human crime that have been preferred against the pious monks and mothers. The true story is to get into the convent of St. Ambrogio simply incites a "Mother Agnes," who put on the garb of great sanctity, saw visions, dreamed dreams, and went into raptures and ecstasies, and caused many of her own community and others to believe in these wonderful indications of holiness. But the Holy See, with that watchful eye which distinguishes it, appointed a commission to examine into the matter, and the result was the charge of corruption and human crime which have been preferred against the pious monks and mothers. 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